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SUBJ: INVESTIGATION INVOLVING AID (DAKAR)

TRUST FUND IIS CASE MO 5665

STATE FOR AID/W

ABIDJAN FOR RESO (PHIPPARD) , RSO

ADDIS FOR: AID/IIS (MCKELDIN)

1. BACKGROUND.

THERE IS IN PROCESS AT DAKAR AN INVESTIGATION INVOLVING POSSIBLE FRAUD RELATED TO COUNTERPART PROJECT 685-11-650-003. THE CASE INVOLVES THE DOUBLE PAYMENT OF A CONTRACT INDEPTEDNESS: FIRST ON THE BASIS OF AN ALTERED ORIGINAL VOUCHER REQUESTING A PAYMENT CHECK AND THE SECOND ON THE BASIS OF AN UNALTERED COPY OF THE ORIGINAL VOUCHER. THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS CFA 4,134,000 OR APPROX \$16,000. THE PRINCIPALS INVOLVED ARE THREE MALE RESIDENTS OF DAKAR: ONE IS A FORMER AID EMPLOYEE; ONE A PRESENT AID EMPLOYEE, AND ONE NEVER EMPLOYED BY AID.

2. ACTION TAKEN TO DATE BY AID, DAKAR,

A. MCADAMS (RDO) REQUESTED INVESTIGATION ASSIST FROM AID/IIS/AA OFFICE IN ADDIS ABABA. INSPECTORS PERLMAN AND WEST WERE DESPATCHED TO
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DAKAR IN MARCH. A FORMAL REPORT OF THEIR INVESTIGA-

TION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

B. MCADAMS CALLED IN THE APPROPRIATE POLICE AUTHORITIES OF THE GOS. AN ORAL REPORT OF THE SITUATION (PROCES VERBAL) WAS GIVEN TO THE AUTHORITIES BY MCADAMS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE IIS INSPECTORS AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE POLICE STATED THEIR INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE ENTIRE MATTER.

C. MCADAMS ISSUED TO THE AID EMPLOYEE ON BOARD (AN ACCOUNTANT) HIS NOTICE OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYMENT, WITHOUT PAY, PENDING THE RESOLVE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE.

D. THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED TO AID LEGAL COUNSEL (REDSO, ABIDJAN) FOR INFO AND ADVICE.

E. THE POLICE AUTHORITIES REPORTED TO MCADAMS THAT THE TWO OTHER SUSPECTS UNDER THEIR INVESTIGATION HAD ABSOLVED THE AID EMPLOYEE OF ANY COMPLICITY. ON THE BASIS OF THIS REPORT, MCADAMS LIFTED THE EMPLOYEE'S SUSPENSION BUT REINSTATED HIM TO A POSITION OF LESSER RESPONSIBILITY.

F. UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION THE POLICE PASSED THEIR FINDINGS ON TO THEIR OFFICE OF THE PROCURER (ATTORNEY GENERAL).

G. IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION WERE AT THE GOS AND/OR THE EMBASSY, THE ACTING RDO ALONG WITH OTHER EMB OFFICERS MET WITH THE PROCURER AND SENIOR JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. FROM THOSE MEETINGS THE FOLLOWING RELEVANCIES WERE OBTAINED:

1. IN THE EVENT THAT AID WERE TO PRESS FOR RECOVERY OF THE MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS, THEN AID WOULD HAVE TO FORMERLY DECLARE ITSELF "PARTIE CIVILE." SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD POSSIBLY INVOLVE TESTIMONY OF AID OFFICIALS, SWORN DEPOSITIONS, ETD. IN THIS INSTANCE THE QUESTION OF IMMUNITIES WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE RAISED.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT AID DID NOT PRESS FOR THE RETURN OF FUNDS, THEN THE GOS WOULD PROCEED WITH THE PROSECUTION ON ITS OWN IN WHICH CASE NO FORMAL DECLARATION WOULD BE REQUIRED OF AID. NOTE: AID DOES NOT ENVISION THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY RETURN OF FUNDS.

H. AT PRESENT THE ACTION IS IN THE HANDS OF

THE GOS. AID STANDS READY, AS INSTRUCTED, TO PROVIDE
THEM WITH RELATED INFO IN REQUEST.

8. AID HAS ON HAND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHICH
CAN BE FORWARDED ON DEMAND.

J. PLEASE ADVISE RAGARDING:

1. ACTION TO BE TAKEN RE PARA G 1 AND 2.
2. ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION.

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